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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 1.56 and MPEP Section 2001.06(a),  
References AL-AO (Sheet 1 of 3) listed on Form PTO-1449, are cited in the  
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The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 are also brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly material to examination of this U.S. Patent Application.

German Patent Reference 1 047 035 discloses a pneumatic cushioning mechanism having a porous cushioning element movably positioned within a chamber of a cylinder.

German Patent Reference 296 00 438 U1 discloses a device for slowing down movement of an upward tilted and movable flap that is movably mounted within a chamber of a cylinder.

German Patent Reference 296 10 915 U1 discloses a pneumatic movement absorber having a piston element with a retaining member peripherally

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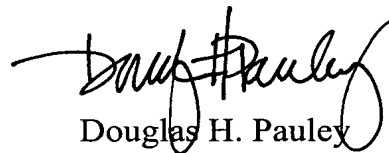
surrounding the piston element, wherein the retaining member has an ear or flap element that contacts an inner wall of a cylinder.

German Patent Reference 196 81 445 T1 discloses a pneumatic spring wherein a retaining member that surrounds a movable piston has extending portions that contact an inner wall of a cylinder.

Austrian Patent Reference 004 912 U1 discloses a pneumatic braking and absorber for movably mounting a piston within a cylinder and a retaining member surrounding the piston contacts an inner wall of a cylinder.

Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every non-U.S. Patent reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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